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THE PROGRESS OF CHURCH FEDERATION. CHARLES S. MACFARLAND.
Fleming H. Revell Co. 1917. Pp. 191. \$1.00.

This small volume contains a brief record of the proceedings and activities of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, boiled down by the General Secretary of the Council from the earlier volumes which describe the origin of the Federation and from its annual reports.

Though the work of the Federal Council has not gone very far, it may at least be said that it is a step in the right direction, and that the method of federation is sound in principle, even if in practice it has not been carried out in as catholic a spirit as the writer of this book would have one believe. The Massachusetts Federation of Churches presents a better example of inclusiveness. Taken as a whole, however, the Council has perhaps accomplished quite as much as it is reasonable to expect. Its best work — up to the time of the publication of this volume — has been that outlined in the chapter on "The Development of Federation in Nation, State, City, and Town," which summarizes the result of various investigations conducted under the auspices of the Council. The best known of these is that which resulted in the volume on "The Country Church" by Messrs. Gill and Pinchot. But other investigations uncovered equally interesting situations, as, for example, the fact that in San Francisco a larger percentage of Chinese than of Caucasians are communicants in evangelical churches.

Since the publication of this book the Federal Council has done an important war-time service which some future volume will doubtless report. It is to be hoped that in addition to the bibliographies which the present book contains such future reports may also be indexed.

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THE CONSCIENCE AND CONCESSIONS. HOW MAY THE INDIVIDUAL BECOME RELATED TO THE MANY? ALFRED WILLIAMS ANTHONY. Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 370.

This book contains an interesting though somewhat discursive treatment of the tendencies of our time towards coöperation and federation, social, political, and religious. Most of the chapters have grown from lecture-courses and still bear the style of the lecturer. They contain many statements of obvious facts, often skim the surface of the subject, and never go into too great detail or display reasoning too